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Site:	Martha Rose
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Break:	1.2
Other:	7-30-86

TO: Ron McCutcheon, EP&R/ENSV

July 30, 1986

THRU: Russell B. Krohn, Region VII TATL *RBK*

TAT-07-F-01638

FROM: Robert L. Fine, Region VII TATM

TDD #07-8605-30A

SUBJECT: Rose Chemical Status Report, Holden, Missouri PCS # 5369

Since submitting the last report concerning the status of Rose Chemical in Holden, Missouri, the TAT has made ten (10) site visits (Re: Memo dated 7-16-86 from Robert Fine). The purpose of these visits has either been to bring EPA up-to-date on the general status of site related activities, or in connection with an emergency response. The following outline highlights the significant findings of each of these trips.

- 6-16 Robert Fine, TAT, and Dwight Thomas of American Steel, collected nine sediment samples from the East Pin Oak Tributary, one soil sample from the diversion ditch between the containment ponds and the storm drain pipe, and one soil sample from around the walls of the containment ponds. The field sheets for these samples are included as an attachment to this report. Presently the samples are being held by the EPA lab and will be analyzed on a prioritized basis.
- 6-20 Scheduled site visit by Fine. All cleanup activities have ceased.
- 6-27 Scheduled site visit by Fine. American Steel has abandoned the facility and eight drums of PCB contaminated material remain in the creek bed outside the site fence.
- 7-2 Security personnel reported that pipe and equipment were being hauled off site and that employees of American Steel were complaining that the people doing it were unauthorized. Fine responded and learned that the materials were being hauled off by Dwight Thomas, supervisor of American Steel, who had permission to do so. The employees were complaining due to personal grievances with the company. Later it was learned, however, that these items may have been contaminated and thus EPA is pursuing the matter.
- 7-6 Ron McCutcheon, EPA, and Rich Nickle, TAT, responded to a report of PCB oil leaking from a tanker and threatening to run into a storm drain. Upon arrival, the responders upgraded an existing dike around the storm drain and also placed a boom around it. It was undetermined whether a leak actually occurred in the tanker, but if so, the release was minimal (Re: TDD 07-8607-05).

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- 7-7 A security guard reported seeing a reddish liquid inside the secondary containment walls surrounding a horizontal tank containing PCB contaminated oil. Fine responded and found nothing to indicate that a spill had recently occurred. The steel containment walls were rusty in some parts, which may have given the impression that a red liquid was present, when in fact it was only the reflection from rainwater inside.
- 7-11 The TAT received a directive from EPA/EP&R to respond to a report from security personnel that the containment ponds leading from the contaminated diversion ditch were about to overflow due to heavy rains. Fine and Holm placed two booms in an area around one of the containment ponds where water was overflowing.
- 7-14 Fine responded to a report over the weekend that a sheen of oil was observed near the tanker which leaked PCB oil. A recon of the area found nothing unusual and no oil was seen.
- 7-21 After receiving reports that a pressure relief valve was releasing PCB oil from a vertical storage tank, Fine made a site visit to investigate the situation. One storage tank was observed to be leaking around a weld near the top of the tank and several pipe fittings had a residue around them. At present, this situation does not call for any more than careful monitoring.
- 7-28 During a scheduled site visit by Fine, the security supervisor reported that a file cabinet located inside the lab at the facility had been tampered with. It was also noted that fresh tire tracks were visible in an area of the parking lot not used. The security supervisor questioned the other guards concerning these incidents, but they claim not to have noticed anything unusual. This information has been passed on to Don Montgomery of Riedel, and brought to the attention of EPA.

The TAT will continue to monitor the situation at Rose Chemical and visit the site approximately once a week until advised to do otherwise.

  
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